

Multnomah Education Service District

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Board Powers and Duties

Powers

1. The Board is authorized to transact all business coming within the jurisdiction of MESD.
2. The Board may sue and be sued.
3. The Board may adopt such regulations as it considers necessary to carry out its duties.
4. The Board, with certain exceptions, is subject to the Local Budget Law.
5. The Board may employ and fix the compensation of such personnel as it considers necessary for carrying out duties of the Board.
6. The Board, in carrying out its duties, may:
 - a. Locate, buy, accept by gift or lease such land, buildings and facilities as may be required for MESD purposes. Leases authorized by this section may be for a term of up to 30 years and include lease-purchase agreements where under MESD may acquire ownership of the leased property;
 - b. Acquire personal property by a lease-purchase agreement or contract of purchase for a term exceeding one year. A lease-purchase agreement is one in which the rent payable by MESD is expressly agreed to have been established to reflect the savings resulting from the exemption from taxation, and MESD is entitled to ownership of the property at a nominal or other price which is stated or determinable by the terms of the agreement and was not intended to reflect the true value of the property;
 - c. Lease property or sell and convey such property of MESD as the Board considers unnecessary to its purposes;
 - d. Purchase re-locatable structures in installment transactions in which deferred installments of the purchase price are payable over not more than 10 years from the date of delivery of the property to MESD and are secured by a security interest in such property. Such transactions may take the form of, but are not limited to, lease-purchase agreements.
7. The Board may rent such space as may be required when the space offered by the county, if any, is considered to be inadequate. Subject to Oregon Revised Statutes, the Board may purchase such required space.
8. MESD may provide space for the offices of other education, employment training and human service providers.

9. The Board may accept money or property donated for the use or benefit of the MESD and use such money or property for the purpose for which it was donated. Receipt of such gifts shall not bind the Board in any way deemed inconsistent with the public interest or with the mission, goals and policies established by the Board.
10. MESD may contract with public and private entities for service delivery and facilities. Services and facilities may be provided by agreement or on a reimbursable basis.
11. MESD shall work cooperatively with component districts and review periodically their operations and shall submit recommended plans for operation that achieve economies through consolidation of various operations of all or some of the component districts. MESD and its component districts shall submit an annual report on the effectiveness of the consolidation of operations to the State Board of Education. "Operations" means services involving transportation, payroll, education records, auditing, legal services, insurance, printing, investment and other similar services.

Duties

1. The Board shall perform all duties required by law, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Distribution of such school funds as it is empowered to apportion;
 - b. Conduct of audits;
 - c. Budget and tax levying duties, including the levying of taxes under ORS 280.060;
 - d. Creating a county education bond district;
 - e. Contracting a bond indebtedness in the manner that school districts are authorized to issue bonds pursuant to ORS 328.205 - 328.295 and other laws applicable to the issuance of bonds by school districts.
2. In addition to the duties required by the law, with the approval of component districts and working, as appropriate, with county governments, health care agencies, social service organizations and employment training agencies and according to criteria developed by the State Board, the MESD Board may:
 - a. Plan for the provision and the delivery of education, including curriculum improvement and special education programs;
 - b. Provide staff development;
 - c. Conduct assessment, evaluation and research;
 - d. Plan and provide for new learning environments;
 - e. Plan and provide for educational communication and distribution services, including telecommunication;
 - f. Collaborate in jointly planning for delivery of health care, employment training and social services in the region;
 - g. Provide funds to component school districts to provide services in lieu of those school districts receiving services from the MESD.

3. The Board shall perform such other duties as are permitted by law and deemed to be in the public interest including, but not limited to, service as a Local Contract Review Board.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 192.630	ORS 334.185	OAR 581-024-0210
ORS 243.656	ORS 334.215	OAR 581-024-0225
ORS Chapters 279A, 279B and 279C	ORS 334.225	OAR 581-024-0226
ORS 280.060	ORS 334.240	OAR 581-024-0228
ORS 294.305 to -294.565	ORS Chapter 339	OAR 581-024-0235
ORS 328.205 to -328.304	ORS 342.805 to -342.937	OAR 581-024-0250
ORS 330.080 to -330.133	ORS Chapter 343	OAR 581-024-0252
ORS 334.005		OAR 581-024-0260
ORS 334.125	OAR 581-024-0205	OAR 581-024-0265
ORS 334.145	OAR 581-024-0206	OAR 581-024-0280
ORS 334.175	OAR 581-024-0208	OAR 581-024-0288

MESD Policy Cross Reference(s):

AE - MESD Goal Setting
BCB - Board Officer
BCD - Board-Superintendent Relationship
DGA/DGB -Authorized Signatures
KH - Public Gifts to MESD